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### **TENNESSEE AWARDED GRANT FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS**

*38 counties will share \$8.6 million*

**NASHVILLE**—Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development

Commissioner James Neeley announced an \$8.6 million national emergency grant to help Tennessee's dislocated workers. U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao notified the department the application for the grant was approved earlier this month. More than \$2.1 million will be awarded immediately. \$6.4 million will be awarded over the next two years.

The national emergency grant will assist approximately 2,900 workers who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. That number includes approximately 1,500 trade-certified workers affected by plant closures and mass layoffs in Tennessee. The grant money will target workers from 28 companies in 38 of Tennessee's 95 counties.

"The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development will use the grant to provide a variety of transition related services," said Commissioner Neeley. "The assistance will be provided by our Tennessee Career Centers across the state. Those services include assessment, career counseling, on-the-job and classroom training, job development, job placement and support services."

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The following counties applied for the grant through the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development and will share in the grant monies:

Carter, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington, Knox, Monroe, Anderson, Roane, Campbell, Loudon, Morgan, Blount, McMinn, Hamilton, Meigs, Van Buren, Bledsoe, Rhea, Sequatchie, Cumberland, Grundy, Bradley, Smith, Macon, White, Giles, Maury, Madison, Chester, Hardeman, Haywood, Henry, Crockett, Obion, Lauderdale, Gibson, and Tipton.

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